

# SENATE BILL 1096

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By: **Senator Astle**

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Assigned to: Rules

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources – Fishery Management Reform Act – Task Force and**  
3 **Sunset Repeal**

4 FOR the purpose of repealing the termination provision relating to the Fishery  
5 Management Reform Act; repealing provisions that established the Task Force  
6 on Fishery Management because of the completion of the work of the Task  
7 Force; and generally relating to the Fishery Management Reform Act.

8 BY repealing  
9 Article – Natural Resources  
10 Section 4–215.4  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
14 Chapter 217 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2007  
15 Section 3

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
17 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article – Natural Resources**

19 **[4–215.4.**

20 (a) There is a Task Force on Fishery Management.

21 (b) (1) The Task Force consists of the following members:

22 (i) The Secretary of Natural Resources, or the Secretary's  
23 designee;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (ii) The following members, appointed by the Governor:
- 2 1. One representative from the Chesapeake Guides  
3 Association;
- 4 2. Two representatives from the Coastal Conservation  
5 Association Maryland;
- 6 3. One representative from the Maryland Bass  
7 Federation Nation;
- 8 4. One representative from the Mid-Atlantic Council of  
9 Trout Unlimited;
- 10 5. Two representatives from the Maryland Saltwater  
11 Sportfishermen's Association;
- 12 6. Two representatives from the Maryland Charter Boat  
13 Association;
- 14 7. Two representatives from the Maryland Watermen's  
15 Association; and
- 16 8. Two representatives from communities that are  
17 located on the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries and that rely on fishing for their  
18 local economies; and

19 (iii) A peer review panel that consists of three experts in state  
20 fishery management appointed by the Governor in consultation with the American  
21 Fisheries Society.

22 (2) The peer review panel under paragraph (1)(iii) of this subsection  
23 shall support and provide expertise for the Task Force and the Department with the  
24 development of the report required under this section.

25 (c) The Governor shall designate the chair of the Task Force.

26 (d) The Task Force may establish subcommittees as it determines necessary  
27 to fulfill its duties.

28 (e) The Department of Natural Resources shall provide staff for the Task  
29 Force.

30 (f) A member of the Task Force may not receive compensation for serving on  
31 the Task Force, but is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard  
32 State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

1 (g) The Task Force shall:

2 (1) Oversee a full review of current fishery management processes and  
3 develop recommendations for methods to improve, modernize, and streamline fishery  
4 management, including:

5 (i) Developing a set of recommendations for the 2009 legislative  
6 session of the General Assembly that incorporates the improvements suggested for  
7 fishery management; and

8 (ii) Working with the Department to develop regulations and  
9 policy, and any follow-up legislation for the 2010 legislative session of the General  
10 Assembly that is necessary to implement the recommendations; and

11 (2) On or before December 1, 2008, submit a report of its findings and  
12 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State  
13 Government Article, the General Assembly.]

14 **Chapter 217 of the Acts of 2007**

15 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
16 July 1, 2007. [It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of June  
17 30, 2010, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be  
18 abrogated and of no further force and effect.]

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
20 July 1, 2010.